PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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TOSHIO SAKURAI

: Group Art Unit: 2854

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METHOD THEREFOR

November 17, 2000

Commissioner for Patents

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Washington, D.C.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a division of Application No. 09/301,581, filed April 29, 1999, which is a division of Application No. 08/786,992, filed December 10, 1998.--

Page 1, line 16, after "use as" insert --a--.

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